

RHODOMETRA SACRARIA LINN. (THE VESTAL) IN BERWICKSHIRE (V.C. 81). — On October 2, 1985 during a welcome 'Indian summer' I visited the River Whitadder between Edrom and West Blanerne (NT 8256) to look for fossil plants. Along the side of a stubble field I disturbed a small straw-coloured moth which soon settled again in the stubble. I placed my hand over it and succeeded in boxing it. It was new to me but on arriving home I identified it as the vestal with characteristic oblique brown marks across the forewings. In the same field I also saw a painted lady *Cynthia cardui* and silver Y *Autographa gamma* in flight.

On October 14 I was in a stubble field on the neighbouring farm of Broomhous Mains again near the Whitadder. Here I disturbed another vestal and captured it. Both were given to the Royal Scottish Museum. On October 17 I disturbed and caught a third specimen in rank herbage near the Whitadder above Hutton Mill bridge (NT 9254). These captures, as far as I know, are the first record for Berwickshire and seem to indicate a considerable immigration. I am now left wondering who was the imaginative lepidopterist who gave this moth its evocative English name? — ALBERT G. LONG, 33, Windsor Crescent, Berwick-upon-Tweed TD15 1NT.

ORANGE TIP IN FIFE — A female orange tip *Anthocharis cardamines* was seen feeding on scurvy grass *Cochlearia officinalis* by the Cocklemill Burn, near Ruddons Point, Fife by Dr. C. M. Smout, on 30 April 1983. There are no previous published records for this species in Fife. Orange tips have been expanding their range in the Lothians in recent years (e.g. Campbell 1985, *Ent. Rec.* 97: 106) and doubtless this stray crossed over the Firth of Forth. It will be interesting to see if Fife is eventually colonised. — P. K. KINNEAR, 11 Hillview Road, Balmullo, St. Andrews, Fife, KY16 0DE.

BRYOTROPHA SENECTELLA (ZELLER) (LEP.: GELECHIIDAE) ON FLOWERS OF LEUCANTHEMUM VULGARE. At about 7.30pm. on 30th June 1985 at Billacombe, Plymouth I found several *Bryotropha senectella* sitting on, and apparently feeding from, flowers of *Leucanthemum vulgare*. I have never before seen any *Bryotropha* species on flowers, has anyone else? — R. J. HECKFORD, 67, Newnham Road, Plympton, Plymouth, Devon.

THE PLUME MOTH CAPPERIA BRITANNIODACTYLA (GREGSON) FROM WEST SCOTLAND — a female of this moth was disturbed from cliff-side vegetation at Port Kale, near Port Patrick on 5.vii.1985 (Grid. 15/991552 in V.C. 74). Dr. M. Hull has kindly confirmed the identification. I have not been able to trace any other Scottish records. I. D. WALLACE, County Museum, William Brown Street, Liverpool L3.